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Rolling I-80 lane closures Wednesday and Thursday

CHICAGO –The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that there will be daytime rolling lane closures, weather permitting, this week on Interstate 80 between Ridge Road, in Minooka, and U.S. 30, in New Lenox, to complete pavement repairs. The closures should be expected between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and Thursday, Dec. 21.

The public should expect delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment. Alternative routes are encouraged. Local streets are unable to accommodate heavy or wide trucks so other interstate routes are encouraged.

The overall I-80 project will redesign and rebuild 16 miles from Ridge Road, in Minooka, to U.S. 30, in Joliet and New Lenox, while adding or extending auxiliary lanes to improve safety and reduce congestion. Interchanges will be rebuilt or improved at Interstate 55, Illinois 7, Center Street, Chicago Street, Richards Street and Briggs Street, with a new flyover ramp linking southbound I-55 to eastbound I-80 to improve traffic flow and safety. More than 30 bridges will be rehabilitated or replaced, including those over the Des Plaines River. The projected \$1.3 billion project is anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of 2028, with landscaping, bridge demolition and miscellaneous work extending into 2029.

For more information visit <u>I80will.org</u>. The mobile-friendly website features project information, photos, and the ability to submit questions and comments to the project team via a "Contact" link. Find traffic and road conditions at <u>www.gettingaroundillinois.com</u>. You also can follow IDOT on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

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